

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Minutes of Meeting 96-3

held

Friday, 24 May 1996, at 2:00 p.m. in H-769

Present: Dr. D.J. Taddeo (Chair); Dr. C. Bédard; Dr. J. Campanelli; Dr. J. Drolet; Dr. M. El-Badry; Dr. P. Fazio; Dr. C. Giguère; Dr. C. Lam; Dr. L. Landsberger; Dr. V. Latinovic; Dr. H.F. Li; Dr. R. Neemeh; Dr. R. Paknys; Dr. A.S. Ramamurthy; Dr. T. Stathopoulos; Dr. C. Suen; Dr. L. Tao; Mr. T. Too (Registrar's Office); Dr. C. Trueman; Dr. G. Turski (Secretary); Dr. G. Vatistas

Regrets: Dr. K. Ha; Dr. S. Hoa; Mr. D. Janssen; Dr. J. Lightstone; Dr. H. McQueen; Dr. T. Radhakrishnan

Visitors: Mr. R. Martin (Registrar's Office)

1. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 96-3-1 A revised agenda was distributed and unanimously adopted. (G. Vatistas, C. Suen)

2. Adoption of Minutes

Motion 96-3-2 The Minutes of Meeting 96-2 (11 April 1996) were unanimously approved. (M. El-Badry, T. Stathopoulos)

3. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed Dr. R. Neemeh who is replacing until 31 May 1996 Dr. T. Krepec as a representative on Council from the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Dr. Taddeo informed that on Friday 17 May 1996 the Vice-Rector, Academic, Dr. J. Lightstone met jointly with the members of the Centre for Building Studies and the Department of Civil Engineering. Dr. Lightstone conveyed to the

assembly his acceptance of the Dean's recommendation to the effect that Dr. P. Fazio's term as Director of the Centre for Building Studies be extended by one year to 31 May 1997, and that he be also appointed for this period as Acting Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering. Dr. Fazio has also been given a mandate to develop a plan for the integration of the two academic units, to be submitted by 1 December 1996 to a committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty, the Vice-Rector, Academic and the heads of the Civil and Building Engineering Working Groups of the External Advisory Board. Calling for the new academic unit to formally come into existence on 1 June 1997, the plan would be submitted to Faculty Council and Senate for consideration and ratification in Winter/Spring of the coming calendar year.

On behalf of the Faculty, Dr. Taddeo expressed gratitude for their devoted service to the Faculty and the University to all of the professors who recently chose to retire under the FALRIP programme. The ten departing faculty members together combine for over two hundred years of experience, and all did much to establish the curriculum and research profiles of the Faculty especially in the latter's formative years. The Dean expressed a hope that the retiring professors will maintain an active association with the University. He called on Council to pass a motion appropriate for this occasion.

**Motion
96-3-3**

That, on behalf of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, the members of Council thank the retiring professors for their longstanding contributions to the Faculty and the University (T. Stathopoulos, P. Fazio)

Vote: Carried unanimously

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END OF CLOSED SESSION

5. ECED Graduate Slot Course (ECFC Doc. 96-3-1)

Dr. Stathopoulos informed that the graduate slot course ELEC 690Q outlined in ECFC Doc. 96-3-1 and to be offered in the Fall 1996 semester has been considered and approved by the Graduate Studies Committee, which is hereby recommending that Council approve it as well. The offering of the course carries no resource implications.

**Motion
96-3-29**

That the Council of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science approve the graduate slot course outlined in ECFC Doc. 96-3-1 so that it may be offered in the upcoming Fall 1996 semester (T. Stathopoulos, G. Vatisstas)

Vote: Carried unanimously

6. ENCS Budget/Academic Planning

Dr. Taddeo provided an update on the current status of the University's planning process. He emphasized the need for the Faculties to be fully aware of each other's needs and plans before any substantive decisions are taken regarding budget allocations. The Dean gave further information on how many of the eligible faculty members intend to take the retirement package recently offered by the University (FALRIP) and explained that for the planning process to achieve its stated and principled objectives, any reinstatement of vacated positions cannot be done on a simple *pro rata* basis. A brief discussion of the matter concluded with the following motion.

Motion
96-3-30

Be it resolved that the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science strongly recommends that in the ongoing University planning exercise all Faculties should table their planning documents in order to achieve a level playing field in budget allocations, as the Faculty administration has argued for throughout this academic year; be it further resolved that the subsequent allocation of resources resulting from present retirements is conducted in the same way as that of ERIP and in accordance with the University-wide planning process based on the five Senate-approved principles.

Vote: Carried unanimously

7.

Faculty Tenure Elections Committee

Motion
96-3-31

That Drs. L. Landsberger, A. Hanna, and M. Zaheeruddin be approved as regular members of the Faculty Elections Committee for 1996-97 (P. Fazio, C. Bédard)

Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion
96-3-32

That Drs. A. Amiouny and W. Atwood be appointed as alternate members of the Faculty Elections Committee for 1996-97 (C. Lam, C. Bédard)

Vote: Carried unanimously

Motion
96-3-33

That Dr. A. Hanna be appointed as Chair of the Faculty Elections Committee for a two-year term (L. Landsberger, V. Latinovic)

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Other

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.